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FIRE WAS ARSON: COPS

Firefighters work on Monday evening to contain a blaze at 511 Kent St. that police now say was set deliberately. The fire, which caused an estimated \$400,000 in damage, started in a second-floor hallway of what Ottawa Fire Services says was a rooming house. Ten people were forced out of their homes. One man was hospitalized for smoke inhalation. For more coverage, see metronews.ca. CONTRIBUTED/OTTAWA FIRE SERVICES

Woman died after Ornge delay, family says

Air ambulance. Patient suffering infection after colonoscopy died later in an Ottawa hospital

It took more than six hours for Ornge to figure out if land or air ambulance would pick up a critically ill Barry's Bay woman and transport her to an Ottawa hospital, her family says.

Last Wednesday, Judy Dearman lay in a Barry's Bay hospital waiting to be transferred to Ottawa, said her husband, Clyde Dearman. But confusion as to when and how his wife would be transported to a large urban hospital prevented her from getting the care she needed, he said.

"The thing is, she lay there for six hours," Dearman said. Barry's Bay is in the Madawas-

ka Valley, two hours west of Ottawa. "It was ridiculous. It was too long a wait."

This is the second recent case in which Ornge has been unable to respond quickly to an emergency call, charged Progressive Conservative MPP Frank Klees in the legislature on Tuesday.

Ornge is conducting an internal investigation into the Ottawa-area transport, and will divulge what it discovers with the Ministry of Health, said James MacDonald, a spokesperson with the air-ambulance service.

Lack of staff to fly or respond to calls and maintenance problems with some aircraft have been consistent issues brought during the all-party legislative hearings probing Ornge, a government funded agency under fire for its business dealings and patient safety.

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Spring donation drive falls short of Food Bank's needs

Lower than last year.

Food bank's take hurt by layoffs, tough times, organizers say



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Sarah Burns stood next to a tower of 130,000 pounds of food Tuesday at the Ottawa Food Bank and explained that more of it is badly needed.

The food bank's events manager unveiled the results of the 2012 Tenant-Landlord Spring Hope Food Drive at the Michael Street warehouse. The results fell short of last year's donations by about 10,000 pounds — a deficit organizers blamed on a tough economy and government layoffs.

"This food isn't going to last very long," said Burns. "While this looks like a great amount of food and we're very proud of

Participation

200

Over 10 days in April, landlords at 200 apartment buildings asked tenants to donate to the Ottawa Food Bank.

this food drive, it will go quickly, and the need is always high in Ottawa."

Burns said they deliver about 15 tonnes of food daily.

Eastern Ontario Landlord Organization chair John Dickie was disappointed with the decrease.

"It was in the back of my mind that it would be hard to match last year's (total)," said Dickie, adding that "130,000 pounds of food is still an awful lot of food, and I would say it's still a very successful food drive."

"We'll try and improve on it next year."

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Sarah Burns, Ottawa Food Bank's events manager, and John Dickie, Eastern Ontario Landlord Organization chair, show the food that was collected in the 2012 Tenant-Landlord Spring Hope Food Drive Tuesday. JOE LOFARO/METRO

Killing was unprovoked, reckless: Judge



Mohamed Jama Yusuf
POLICE HANDOUT

Mohamed Jama Yusuf's apologies to the family of the man he killed came too late to reduce his jail sentence, an Ottawa judge said Tuesday before handing down seven and a half years.

Yusuf, now 23, pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the 2008 death of Sean Murphy and failing to appear in court.

"His actions were those of a bully, a bullying emboldened and disinhibited by alcohol, who went out of his way to attack a smaller, intoxicated man who was on his way home on a bicycle. It was vio-

Sentencing

"There are no assurances he will not offend again, with violence and without conscience."

Justice Lynn Ratushny

lence that was unprovoked, reckless, brutal and senseless," said Justice Lynn Ratushny. "Mr. Murphy's life was worth so much more than Mr. Yusuf accorded it."

Yusuf and Murphy had

been drinking in the same bar on Merrivale Road, but didn't know each other.

Yusuf punched Murphy in the head, knocking him off his bike and then kicked him as he lay on the ground. Yusuf returned to his home in Edmonton the next day and bragged to coworkers about "stomping an old man," the judge said.

Yusuf's friend robbed Murphy's unconscious body and was eventually arrested. He then helped officers with an undercover investigation that led to Yusuf's arrest.

Yusuf skipped bail in April

2011. On Jan. 2, 2012, police responded to a disturbance call and found him intoxicated at a house in Edmonton. He gave them a fake ID and a false name and birthday, but fingerprinting identified him.

Ratushny said Yusuf's actions before and after the attack made her question the sincerity of his apologies to his own family and Murphy's family.

"There are no assurances he will not offend again, with violence and without conscience," she said.

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NEWS

On the web

Tween blasts banks

The latest tirade against Canada's banking system isn't coming from a leading economist, but from a 12-year-old girl. Posted by her father, Cambridge, Ont.'s Victoria Grant's lectures have been making the web rounds and making headlines. Watch the pint-sized pundit at metronews.ca

Mobile news



Barack Obama is holding his own when it comes to pop culture. The U.S. president passed The View's pop quiz, proving he's keeping up with the Kardashians and knows his superheroes. Scan the code to see if he passed the Fifty Shades of Grey test.

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Ford unveils new all-electric car at Algonquin College

Plug in. Electric-car charging stations are popping up around the city, just in time for Ford's latest green machine



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You can tell this car where to go and it will tell you how to get there. Unveiled in Ottawa Tuesday, the new all-electric Ford Focus takes 10,000 different voice commands, one of which is asking for directions.

"With this car, Ford really has a strong entry into electric vehicles," said Darryl McMahon, president of the Electric Vehicle Council of Ottawa.

Focus Electric vital stats

- Seats made of soy foam
- Travels 160 kilometres on a single charge
- Costs approximately \$40,000
- Ontario drivers can get a rebate from the government's electric vehicle incentive program for \$5,000 to \$8,500

"They can build it on the same assembly line as their other cars. The acceleration profile is very smooth and they've really got quiet right."

The "quiet" McMahon mentions is the fact that the car's motor barely makes a peep as it starts up and accelerates. "People in the city are

worried about noise levels," he said. "They contribute to stress. And with cars like this in the future, I think we have a way of combating that."

Owners would be wise to put some of the savings toward scooping up one of Ford's recharging stations, sold separately through Best Buy.

Just plugging the car into a home's power source will take 12 hours to recharge its lithium batteries. The charging station cuts that time to three or four hours.

Ford spokesman John Bardwell said it's those same lithium batteries that make the car possible. "People just want a car that can satisfy all their driving needs just like a regular car," he said.

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Ford spokesman John Bardwell plugs in the new Ford Focus Electric. The car has a sophisticated computer system with a visual display that shows drivers how much power they're using. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO



Ready to play ball

Kanata Little League Baseball players pose for a photo at Scott Tokessy field in Kanata, where on Tuesday Champions for Ottawa Baseball spokesman David Gourlay announced with Mayor Jim Watson that the group had secured 3,102 deposits on season tickets in its bid to attract a double-A Blue Jays affiliate to Ottawa.

"It will send a very strong message to those people in the Eastern League and potential investors that Ottawa is ready for double-A baseball," said Watson.

JESSICA SMITH/METRO

Ottawa to establish first Muslim cemetery

Cemeteries throughout Ottawa have done their best to accommodate the 80,000 to 100,000 Muslims living in the Ottawa-Gatineau region, but it's time the community had its own place to bury loved ones, says the co-founder of Ottawa's first Muslim cemetery.

There is no cremation allowed in the Islamic faith and it is traditional for burial to take place within 24 hours of death and even on the same day, says Abu Nazir, one of the proponents of the project. The cemetery will open at the end of June.

"Some people have gone

to a Muslim cemetery in Montreal just to stick to those traditions," said Nazir. "In Ottawa, commercial cemeteries have weekends and holidays. If you died on the Friday before Victoria Day weekend, you wouldn't be buried until Tuesday."

"We started this project in 1994, but it has taken us that long to find the land and for the community to raise enough money to buy it."

In 2005, Nazir's group found an old farm for sale on Manotick Station Road and decided it was perfect for the simple burials the non-profit plans. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

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Daryn Stafford, brother of Victoria, leaves court with family members on Tuesday. GEOFF ROBINS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rafferty is a 'monster,' judge says at sentencing

25 years in prison.
Condemns killer for snuffing out young life in order to gratify his 'twisted and deviant desire'

Michael Rafferty maintained his innocence Tuesday in the brutal abduction, rape and killing of Victoria Stafford as the judge presiding over the case labelled him a "monster."

Rafferty apologized to the eight-year-old girl's family in court after hearing the devastating effects of her death

A loss that's forever
"My sister was the only person I had to talk to. Someone that felt what I felt, cried when I cried.... Now I feel alone."

Daryn Stafford, brother of Victoria.

three years ago, but staunchly denied carrying out the crimes he was convicted of Friday.

"I am guilty of many crimes and there are a lot of things I am very, very ashamed of, but these three counts I still stand firmly behind not guilty," he said.

At the same time, he ad-

mitted to being "very definitely part of why Victoria's not here today," and offered to privately reveal "all the pieces of the puzzle" to Tori's mother. It was the first time Rafferty has spoken in his own defence, he did not take the stand during the trial.

Rafferty was formally sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole for 25 years. He was also sentenced to 10 years to be served concurrently for sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.

Superior Court Justice Thomas Heeney condemned Rafferty for snuffing out the life of a beautiful and innocent girl. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Skateboarder dies

Cabbie charged with 2nd-degree murder after accident

Police have laid a murder charge after a skateboarder died following a collision involving a taxi in downtown Toronto.

Investigators say a man was pronounced dead in hospital after the collision about 6 p.m. on Monday on King Street near Jarvis Street. The victim is Ralph Bissonnette, 28. Adib Ibrahim, 43, has been charged with second-degree murder. Ibrahim was to appear in court yesterday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Aerobatic pilot. Ontario woman from Stratford now a Jordanian royal

A barnstorming Stratford, Ont., woman with a daredevil streak and a passion for adventure has quietly become a member of Jordan's royal family.

Aerobatic pilot Basmah Hasan became Princess Basmah in January after she wed Prince Hamzah of Jordan's Hashemite royal family.

Hamzah is the son of the late King Hussein and his American-born wife, Queen Noor, and is a senior officer in Jordan's forces. He is the half-brother of the current King. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Princess Basmah al Hussein and Prince Hamzah Al Hussein. HANDOUT/CP



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Busy first day for new French president

France. Hollande is 90 minutes late for meeting with German chancellor after plane is struck by lightning

Socialist Francois Hollande took over as France's president Tuesday and jetted off to Berlin hours later for talks on Europe's debt crisis — only to have his plane struck by lightning.

No one was hurt.

It was a startling beginning for a man who promised to be a more "normal" president and less flashy than his predecessor, Nicolas Sarkozy, who was ousted by voters after one term for his handling of a stagnant economy plagued by joblessness.

After a succession of ceremonial inauguration events, Hollande took off in a Falcon 7X aircraft for Berlin. The plane was hit by lightning shortly

afterward, and returned to the Villacoublay air base outside Paris as a precaution for inspection, Defence Ministry spokesman Gerard Gachet said.

Defence officials say the president was transferred to another aircraft, a Falcon 900, and left shortly thereafter.

Hollande was following a postwar custom for new French leaders to reach out to their German counterparts to solidify European unity. Right

before leaving for Berlin, Hollande named a moderate, German-friendly member of his Socialist party, Jean-Marc Ayrault, as his prime minister.

The new French president and German Chancellor Angela Merkel are in different camps when it comes to solving Europe's debt crisis. Hollande has pushed back against a European budget-cutting pact championed by Merkel and Sarkozy.

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New French President Francois Hollande shakes hands with supporters after paying homage to physicist Marie Curie at the Curie Institute in Paris on Tuesday.

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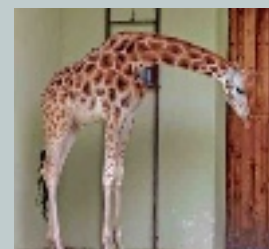


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Poland

Giraffes die after zoo break-in



Male giraffe Tofik, 6, is left alone at the zoo in Lodz, Poland, on Tuesday, after his two female partners died in two days.

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Two female giraffes at a zoo in central Poland died after vandals broke into the facility, and officials are trying to find a companion for their last remaining giraffe — a male.

The break-in at the zoo in Lodz city occurred Saturday night, and the unidentified hooligans overturned signs and threw benches and garbage cans into animal runs, including one near where the three giraffes were.

One of the female giraffes — three-year-old Suri — was

found dead Sunday, and tests indicated she died of stress and a heart attack, zoo director Ryszard Topola said Tuesday.

The other female giraffe, six-year-old Hana, was found dead Monday, and Topola said the sudden stress worsened its ongoing treatment for parasites.

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Science

Lethal fish may transform dentistry

Human teeth can be engineered to regenerate, thanks to the world's most poisonous fish.

British scientists have been studying the pufferfish's beak and have found it is uniquely resilient, generating new teeth every two weeks for the animal's lifetime. They believe the beak provides a model for creating a system of continuous tooth replacement in humans.

Stem cells in the jaw control tooth growth, and they stop producing in humans after adult teeth grow in.

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Quebec protests kick into high gear

A student protester puts the boot in during a pitched battle with police Tuesday at a junior college north of Montreal in the provincial furor over tuition hikes. Police fired chemical irritants at about 100 protesters who were blocking students from entering the college. In Montreal, 19 people were arrested Tuesday after access was blocked to the Jacques Cartier Bridge, a key commuter link. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Syria carnage. UN convoy hit after regime forces shoot funeral mourners

A United Nations convoy of observers was blasted by a roadside bomb in Syria on Tuesday.

It happened just minutes after regime forces gunned down mourners at a funeral procession nearby, witnesses said. Twenty people may have been killed.

A video of the bomb attack was posted online by activists. There were no injuries.

"The front of a UN car took a direct hit," said activist Fadi al-Yassin.

"Everyone ran in panic but the observers stayed in the car. People tried to talk to

Burst of violence

"This is a real massacre and it took place in the presence of UN observers."

Rami Abdul-Rahman,
human rights official.

them but they wouldn't even open their windows."

The attack in the northern town of Khan Sheikhoun is at least the second time UN observers have been caught up in Syria's violence.

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Set himself ablaze

Shock at Breivik court: Man on fire

A disturbed man set himself on fire Tuesday outside the Oslo court where Anders Breivik is being tried for the Norway massacre.

The man walked up to police with flames shooting from his sweater and hat. He appeared to yell "Shoot me, it hurts" as officers tore off the sweater.

He was taken to hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

Breivik admits setting off a car bomb that killed eight people and then killing 69 people in a shooting rampage.

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Share prices increased

Facebook IPO looking even more impressive

Already expected to be the largest-ever initial public offering for an Internet company, Facebook is making its IPO even bigger. The social network Tuesday increased the price for its stock from \$34 to \$38 US per share in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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Murdoch's media star charged

Former U.K. tabloid editor Rebekah Brooks, one of Rupert Murdoch's most trusted lieutenants, is seen leaving her lawyer's office in London with husband Charlie Brooks. She was charged Tuesday alongside five others with conspiring to hide evidence of phone hacking. The 43-year-old Brooks, who quit as News International chief executive in July, faces three separate allegations of conspiracy to pervert the course of justice — an offence that carries a maximum sentence of life imprisonment. The charges against Brooks, her husband and four aides are the first prosecutions since police reopened inquiries 18 months ago into wrongdoing by the country's scandal-hungry press.

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Feds send out mixed signals for EI changes

Suitable employment. No plan to force workers to take 'any job available,' human resources minister tells the Commons

The Harper government sent confusing signals Tuesday about coming changes to employment insurance rules, declaring in favour of a hard-line approach while indicating the new measures will be moderate.

Human Resources Minister Diane Finley told the House of Commons there's no plan to force jobless workers receiving EI benefits to take any job available, as the finance minister seemed to suggest the day before.

"Canadians will be expected to take jobs appropriate to their skill level in their area," she said.

That is decidedly differ-

ent from Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's comments on Monday, when he said he was brought up to believe that "any job is a good job" and that the current EI rules are a disincentive to work.

Canadians won't know exactly what the government has in mind until new regulations on defining "suitable employment" are unveiled in the next few months.

And Finley agreed with Flaherty that one of the problems facing the economy is labour shortages, even though the current jobless rate of 7.3 per cent is more than a full point higher than prior to the 2008 recession.

In response to a question in the Commons, Prime Minister Stephen Harper appeared to back his finance minister.

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JUST SAYIN'
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While the rest of us are lined up at the multiplex to watch CGI superheroes toss CGI arch-villains around in *The Avengers*, the real nerds have, as you might expect, already moved on.

To something called “quantum entanglement.”

Quantum entanglement is weird. Somehow, subatomic particles act on each other and it doesn't matter if they're in the same room or at opposite ends of the Milky Way. As soon as you know that one is “up,” you know the other is “down” and vice versa. That's an oversimplification, but this entire column is an oversimplification. Trust me, you really don't want the unabridged version.

Quantum entanglement is so weird it blew Einstein's mind. He called it “spooky action at a distance,” and thought it invalidated quantum theory until physicist John Bell proved it actually happens, thereby inventing Bell's Theorem.

Weird as it may be, quantum entanglement has fired up the imaginations of scientists everywhere, who think that

someday it will mean super-fast quantum computers, instant communications across vast distances, time-travel and even teleportation, as in “Beam me up, Scotty.”

As we speak, on science blogs everywhere, people are earnestly debating the safety hazards associated with teleportation — whether or not it's the actual Captain Kirk who arrives back on the Enterprise or a quantum copy. The real Kirk has died and is left behind on Regulus III — his quantum copy just doesn't know it.

Beam me up, Scotty

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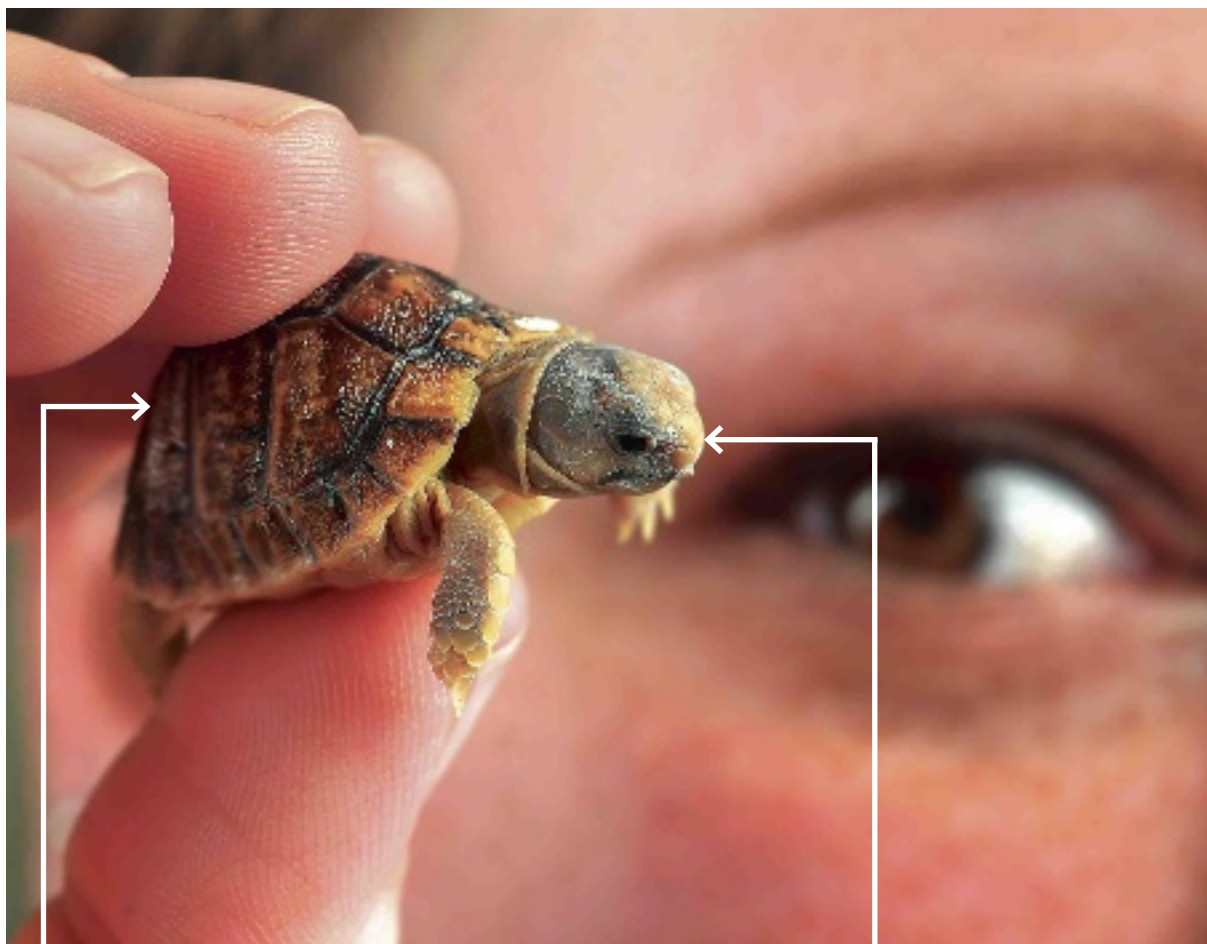
Back on the real Earth, progress is being made on untangling quantum entanglement. One group of Chinese scientists have managed to entangle eight photons (particles of light), and just this week another group of Chinese scientists announced that they have managed to go where no geek has gone before, teleporting an entangled pair of quantum bits, or qubits, 97 kilometres across a lake.

This is a big deal, as the damn qubits have a habit of unravelling or unentangling or whatever, due to problems not encountered in theorems, such as imperfections in optics and air turbulence. It may seem like a small step for humankind (actually really small — subatomic, even), but how long could it be before we can instantly beam William Shatner from one Priceline hotel to the other?

You have to love this stuff, even if it never means you'll be able to honeymoon on Shiralea VI and be back in time for work on Monday. As you think about this idea, of real matter acting in lockstep mysteriously across time and space, you get a glimpse of just how wonderful and mysterious the universe really is.

And you don't have to pay for parking or popcorn.

Walk like an Egyptian turtle



ZACHARY CULPIN/SOLENT NEWS & PHOTO AGENCY

Saving a species

Endangered tiny tortoises born

It's only the size of a coin, but this tortoise is priceless. Four hatchlings of the critically endangered Egyptian tortoise (*Testudo kleinmanni*) have been born at Marwell Wildlife, near Winchester, Hampshire, south England. Only just over a week old, the smallest of the youngsters weighed just 3.1 grams after hatching.

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centimetres is the approximate height of the first Egyptian tortoise hatchling, the same as the diameter of a small coin.

Facts and figures

- **Live long but still small.** Adults live for up to 50 years. These tortoises can grow to around 15 centimetres long and weigh 500 grams. This species of tortoise is the smallest in the northern hemisphere. The speckled padloper of South Africa is the world's smallest tortoise.
- **Egyptian by name only.** It's believed the Egyptian tortoise no longer exists in its namesake country. The species disappeared there some twenty years ago due to acidification of land, overgrazing and pet trade over-collecting.

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- **In decline.** “Their numbers have declined severely in the last 30 years,” Sherif Baha el-Din, scientific adviser at the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency, told ABC News. He said a survey in Egypt in 1994 had failed to locate any wild tortoises at all. “They are very ancient animals and haven't changed much over the years, which makes them more susceptible to problems.”



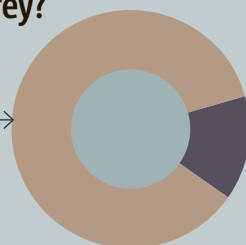
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@ahmilii: “@UberFacts: Chocolate can help ease the symptoms of a hang-over.” Definitely keeping that in mind

@RyanSeyeau: @mWare And I'm getting ready for a mob after my unpopular opinion, haha

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@capitalmom: My day? Boy peed in sand at park. Girl cried because a kid called her a fart. And other things she won't tell me. #tired



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SCENE

Tony Awards accident

Settlement
for Michaels

Bret Michaels and organizers of the Tony Awards have settled a lawsuit filed by the rocker after a 2009 incident in which he was hit in the head with a set piece and suffered injuries that contributed to a brain hemorrhage that nearly killed him.

The confidential settlement also covers Michaels' claims against CBS, which aired the show — and the mishap. The Poison frontman claimed Tony Awards producers never warned him there would be a set change.

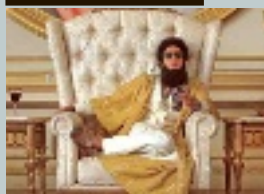
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Kennedy Center to honour Ellen DeGeneres with Mark Twain award, the nation's top humour prize.

Unlikely rom-com

Dictator forces you
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The Dictator

Director. Larry Charles

Stars: Sacha Baron Cohen,

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Although it's more conventional than his breakout hit Borat, funnyman Sacha Baron Cohen's *The Dictator* is also only slightly less obscene. Starring as the fascist despot of fictional Wadiya, Cohen's idiotic oppressor gets lost in America and develops an unlikely romance with feminist (Anna Faris). It's more plot-driven than his previous films but with Cohen's ability to bring hilarity to even the most offensive of characters, *The Dictator* commands you to enjoy it. **STEVE GOW**

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While brushing his teeth, Norman pretends that he is a zombie in the children's animated feature ParaNorman. HANDOUT

The not-so-normal
making of ParaNorman

Stop-motion technology. Elaborate, painstaking animation gives this children's monster movie a gritty but stunning feel

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It's a story of a little boy who is bullied at school. It would be universal, except that Norman is able to see ghosts and zombies.

And the 3-D movie is shot using labour-intensive stop-motion technology. At a time when

computer-generated imagery is creating stunning and elaborate animation, the tactile quality of ParaNorman is refreshingly unusual.

Part comedy, part horror pastiche, ParaNorman (in theatres August 17) is produced by Laika, the studio that made *Coraline*, a 2009 3-D stop-motion children's film, nominated for an Academy Award for best animated feature.

ParaNorman writer and co-director Chris Butler has a soft spot for the paranormal, having grown up on *The Goonies*, *Ghostbusters* and *Scooby-Doo*.

"I think there is something thrilling to kids about monsters. As long as you're saying that there's a monster and it can be beaten. I think that's import-

ant," he says.

The directors wanted a raw, gritty animation style. And the studio focused on real-life materials to achieve it. In its puppet and set-construction departments, fine artists, jewelers, engineers, and even chemists crafted the characters and scenes.

While the movie boasts some high-profile voices — including young stars Kodi Smit-McPhee and Anna Kendrick — much of the "acting" is shared by an invisible cast of about 25 animators who work alone, manipulating the puppets on separate sets, and sometimes shooting as few as 15 or 16 frames in an entire day (less than one second of footage). On a good day, they'll shoot several seconds.

Director duo

Sam Fell and Chris Butler (writer) teamed up to co-direct this children's film.

- According to Butler, the original idea was "John Carpenter-meets-John Hughes." Carpenter directed horror classic *Halloween*, while Hughes directed Ferris Bueller's *Day Off*.
- Co-director Fell compared the film's look to William Eggleston's photography of objects like junk in a gutter, or a chainlink fence.

Book turned film with self help twist

Rodrigo Santoro in *What to Expect When You're Expecting*. HANDOUTIN
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Big-screen adaptations of books are common. This year, everything from *The Lorax* to *The Hunger Games* and even *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter* are making the leap from page to stage.

Less common is the reworking of self-help books for the movies. Earlier this year, *Think Like a Man*, a rom-com based on Steve Harvey's bestselling advice book, was a huge hit. Now this weekend, pregnancy guide *What to Expect When*

You're Expecting gets the all-star treatment as a comedy starring Cameron Diaz, Jennifer Lopez and Elizabeth Banks.

Self-help guides rarely get adapted into movies because they generally lack a dramatic arc. *101 Ways to Improve Your Communication Skills Instantly*, for instance, doesn't offer up much in the way of exciting drama, but some filmmakers have found ways of creating compelling stories from advice books.

In 1962, when Helen Gurley Brown's book *Sex and the Single Girl* sold two million copies in three weeks, Hollywood came calling. The book's then-controversial premise —

that women should enjoy sex in or out of wedlock — was, however, watered down into a salute to marriage, which better suited the tone of the times than the book's feminist message.

Years later, both *Sex and the City* and Renée Zellweger's sex farce *Down with Love* both looked to the book for inspiration. Not all self-help book adaptations are successful, however. One review for *Let's Go To Prison*, based on an advice book by Jim Hogshire, said, "89 minutes that drag on like, well, a prison sentence," while He's Just Not That Into You was likened to "reliving your 20s, minus the fun."



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Bobby Brown's new album is due out on June 5. JOE GIBLIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Bobby Brown: The new, new edition

Comeback. Now on tour with bandmates, Brown says he's ready to return to his solo career with his first album in 14 years

Bobby Brown says it took him a long time to come out with a new album because he's spent so much time trying to get his life on track.

"It's what I've been through throughout my life, and just trying to heal myself through my music," the 43-year-old singer said in a recent interview.

Masterpiece is Brown's first album in 14 years. He was a multi-platinum star with New Edition and later developed his solo career. But his well-documented battle with drugs and his legal woes led to his musical decline. His turbulent marriage to Whitney Houston further eroded his image.

Although he was arrested for DUI in March, Brown in-

sists he has been drug-free for more than seven years. He said his attempt to get his life in order is part of the reason why the album took so long to make.

"When you're working on yourself, you have to really concentrate on that and it takes a back seat to what you want to do and what I'm gonna do," he said.

Brown says Masterpiece, which he started working on last year, is "the best album I've done so far."

"But I'm going to do better in the near future," he said. "I just want to get back to what I do, which is entertainment, and this is the start to me getting back to what I want to do."

Brown is engaged to his manager, Alicia Etheridge, with whom he has a young son.

He also has other older children, including 19-year-old Bobbi Kristina, his only child with Houston.

Brown said he and Etheridge plan a private wedding, and described his life as content.

Brown, on Whitney

Superstar Whitney Houston drowned in February in Beverly Hills, Calif.; her death was complicated by heart disease and cocaine use, according to authorities.

- Houston's career was derailed by her drug use, which came to the public's attention during her marriage to Brown.
- In a recent interview with the Today show's Matt Lauer, Brown denied that he got his late ex-wife addicted to drugs.
- "The Matt Lauer interview was just for me to clear the air about what everyone was feeling about my ex-wife's death," Brown said.

"I'm happy right now in my life, I'm comfortable with who I am," he said. "It's just better." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Charlize Theron over the moon about becoming a mom

Charlize Theron admits that everything in her life has changed since adopting a baby boy, Jackson, in March.

"It's strangely everything that you've hoped for and it feels so right.

I don't know how else to say it," Theron tells E! News.

"I feel like I can't remember anything prior to him. I feel like it was always just meant to be what it is."



John Travolta

Private Travolta trial set to be 'one hell of a fight'

While John Travolta's second accuser won't be facing the star in a public trial, the lawyer representing him doesn't want people to think they won't be putting up a fight. "I want a full trial with a private judge," Okorie Okoro-cha tells People magazine in

response to reports the case may be heading into mediation. "There is no mediation. There'll never be a settlement. I want privacy for sex crime victims. It looks like (Travolta's attorney Marty Singer) wants one hell of a fight."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Maybe Jay-Z should run for President

THE WORD

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When Jay-Z went on CNN yesterday and was asked about Obama's recent public support of gay marriage, he didn't necessarily say anything groundbreaking.

"We're all humans, we're wasting our time talking about this, love happens: you've heard this before.

But, that said, everything sounds so much cooler — so obviously a good idea — when it's delivered

with a little Jay-Z swagger. This guy should consider running for office — or calling us:

"I've always thought it as something that was still holding the country back. What people do in their own homes is their business."

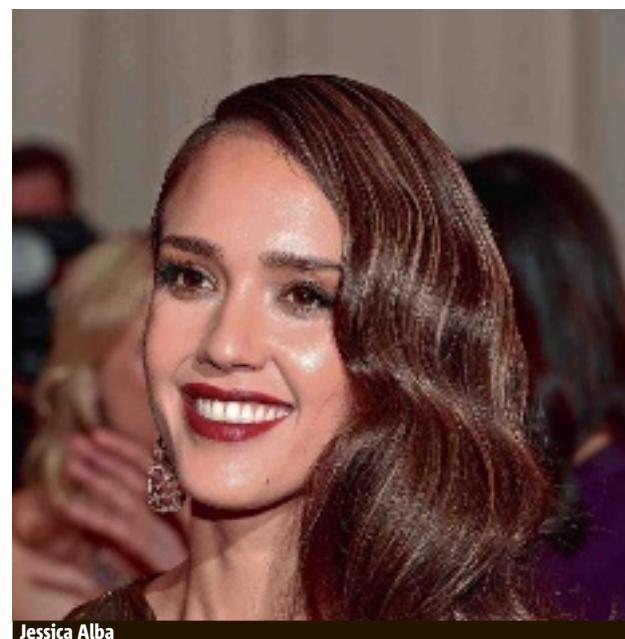
Of course it is. I bet your home is nice. It seems like it would smell really nice and have good snacks. Swoon.

"You can choose to love whoever you love."

Like you, for instance. I mean, if Beyonce's cool with it. She's probably not. Forget this part happened.

"It's really not about votes, it's about people. Whether it costs (Obama) votes or not, I think it's the right thing to do as a human being."

We're humans! We love being human. Go humans.



Jessica Alba

Jessica Alba didn't always like the spotlight

While Jessica Alba is comfortable with her public image now, it wasn't always so easy, she admits — especially back in her Dark Angel days.

"I had a show that premiered when I was 19. And right away, everyone formed a strong opinion about me

because of the way I was marketed. I was supposed to be sexy, this tough action girl. That's what people expected," she tells Marie Claire magazine. "I felt like I was being objectified, and it made me uncomfortable. I wanted to be chic and elegant!"

Twitter



@iamrashidajones

Working up the courage to use Twitter for my idle musings and glib observations. I feel like the sober late-arriver at a raging party.



@rustyrocks

Now I must do kundalini yoga to install a new consciousness in the ol' brain box. Sat Nam (yes, it is a bit like sat-nav).



@katyperry

all I need in this life of sin is me and my kitten.



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Whenever I hear Katy Perry's "Firework", I like to picture an elderly Jewish man covering his ears and saying, "Aaa, please don't yell!"

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Casa de Mita

Location: Punta de Mita, a 45-minute drive from the Puerto Vallarta airport.

Description: With just eight rooms on the property, guests who visit this all-inclusive beachfront property rave about the chef's creations and attentive staff. Each room has a private balcony facing the Pacific Ocean and there are endless activities to enjoy, from getting a massage to playing a round of golf.

Price: \$565-\$895 per night.

Travel tip: This adults-only resort is so popular it has repeat guests, so book early.

5 top boutique hotels in Mexico



Villas Flamingos

Location: Isla Holbox, about three hours north of the Cancun airport.

Description: This funky eco-friendly resort is the exact antithesis of the debauchery that goes on in Cancun. A property that caters to families and couples, guests can stay in suites, a bungalow or rent the island's only beach house. The laid-back atmosphere encourages relaxation and you can walk almost anywhere barefoot.

Price: \$107-\$497 per night. Includes breakfast for two.

Travel tip: This property is one of a few in the world that can take you swimming with whale sharks.

Playa Escondida

Location: Sayulita, a one-hour drive from the Puerto Vallarta airport.

Description: Peaceful, quirky and secluded. Those are the words most people who've stayed here use to describe the resort. Lush with vegetation, this property caters to adventurous Canadians.

Price: \$150-\$400 per night.

Travel tip: The showers for some rooms are outside, but still private, and most people say it just adds to the charm of the property.

Capella Ixtapa

Location: A 20-minute drive from the Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo airport.

Description: Nestled on the side of a rocky cliff overlooking the Pacific Ocean, this 59-suite property is known for its stunning architecture. Guests love that there's a private plunge pool in every room.

Price: \$275-1,350 per night

Travel tip: This property does not have a beach to laze on all day, but there are two pools, including one that's salt-water.

Viceroy Riviera Maya

Location: Playa Xcalacoco, about 20 minutes from Playa del Carmen. Fly into Cancun.

Description: Popular among honeymooners and couples, this property is luxurious, romantic and the perfect place to celebrate a major milestone. Guests rave about the spa, where you can get an ancient Mayan massage or a body treatment where hibiscus flowers are used to encourage radiance and energy back into your skin.

Price: \$605-\$2,720 per night.

Travel Tip: Most reviewers on Trip Advisor find the food and wine to be expensive.

3 LIFE

Travel in brief

Skrillex to lead train tour

Grammy-winning dub-step DJ Skrillex will be exploring a different kind of track this summer as he leads a group of electronic artists on a tour through Canada on a private passenger train. The tour will also feature performances by buzzy Montreal artist Grimes, Philadelphia DJ Diplo and Colorado's Pretty Lights. The cross-country trek will kick off on July 13 in Toronto with stops in Ottawa, Montreal, Winnipeg, Edmonton and Vancouver.

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Nice: Seaside city not just a sunny spot for the stars

History awaits. Explore 'Vieux Nice,' famous for its flower market, chateau ruins and red-tiled roofs from *To Catch a Thief*

Fair warning: Spend all the hours you want gazing over the red-tiled roofs of Old Nice, but it's highly unlikely a Cary Grant-lookalike will come scrambling over the chimney pots like the scene in *To Catch a Thief*, which was set on the Riviera.

Not to worry. There are plenty of other diversions in "Vieux Nice," from strolling its narrow streets, to shopping the famous flower market or dipping a toe in the Mediterranean, mere steps away.

Set on the azure crescent of the Bay of Angels, Nice is the second-largest city in

Provence (after Marseille) and easily accessible. Its international airport offers direct flights from the U.S. or connecting flights through Paris. Getting around is quite easy, too, with tramway and bus systems as well as regional trains serving the coast.

Old Nice, the historic part of the city, is a maze of alleys and small squares in a roughly triangular shape bordered by the sea, a hill that was once home to a castle and Boulevard Jean Jaures. It's near the Opera or Cathedral-Vieille Ville tram station and offers a few lodging options including Hotel Beau Rivage and Hotel Suisse.

A few caveats — Old Nice is not without crime, especially at night, so watch your valuables and be careful, especially if you're alone. The weather is generally mild year-round, but the best beach days are in summer, and the biggest crowds are

Al fresco France

In Old Nice, put together a 'pique-nique' of bread, cheese, olives and wine from the shops in the market and enjoy your spread at the Colline du Chateau (Castle Hill) above Old Nice. There's no chateau, but there are ruins, green spaces and a fabulous, panoramic view of Nice and the curving sweep of the waterfront.

in August, when the French and other Europeans take their holiday.

The Nice Jazz Festival takes place each July (this year July 8-12) and for winter fun, Carnival unfolds in February, ending on Mardi Gras with parades and "flower battles" in which costumed characters on floats throw flowers into the crowd.



The red rooftops of Vieux Nice glow in the sunset. MICHELLE LOCK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Notable residents have included Matisse and F. Scott Fitzgerald; Angelina Jolie had her twins in a Nice hospital in 2008.

But the local celebrity factor is really amped up each spring during the annual film festival in the once-sleepy fishing village of Cannes, about 25 kilometres southwest of Nice (this year May 16-27).

You need credentials to get into the official events, but you can get a taste of

the bustling festival by walking along the Croisette, the street that runs next to the beach and is packed with upscale hotels, shopping and cafes.

Eavesdrop on suited executives travelling in pairs and talking distribution deals in New York accents, watch the harassed gendarmes as they try to bring order to traffic, and look on as local photographers make like paparazzi and shoot passersby.

Don't be too flattered if

they take your picture; a sales pitch for the photo is the usual followup. For more on ways to enjoy Cannes without a badge, check out the bestofniceblog.com written by American Allison Coe, a longtime resident of Nice.

Options for a sit-down meal in Old Nice range from casual cafes, like Cave de la Tour, to restaurants like Le Bistro Gourmand, which won a Michelin star only a year after opening.

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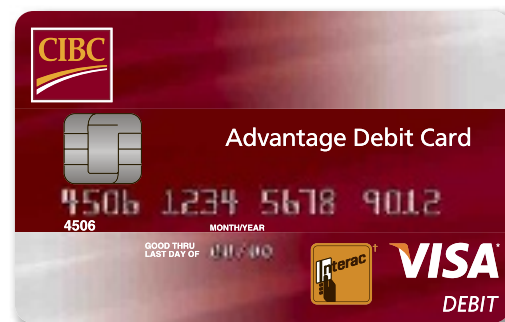
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Home sweet home



Steve Martin and The Steep Canyon Rangers will visit the TD Ottawa International Jazz Festival June 26. KARL WALTER/GETTY IMAGES

Summer activities. There's no need to travel when there's so much to do around here

TIM AVERY
For Metro

With a jam-packed schedule of events and activities for the whole family, why would anyone want to leave the National Capital region

this summer to go away on vacation?

Ottawa and environs are renowned for their festivals and this summer is no exception.

The Ottawa International Children's Festival is an annual celebration of the best



More than 5,000 paddlers are expected to take part in the Tim Hortons Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival June 22-24 at Mooney's Bay Park. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

in live performing arts for children. For more than two decades, the OICF has presented an abundance of award-winning artists from around the globe and made wide-eyed children out of attendees.

This year's festival runs from May 30 to June 3. Prices vary for different performances and the festival takes place at various venues throughout the city.

The Orléans Festival is a new family-friendly cultural event born out of the community's desire to promote local creativity and share a little taste of Orléans. Discover arts, chefs, artisans and more from June 1-3 at the Shenkman Arts Centre, 245 Centrum Blvd., Orléans.

The TD Ottawa International Jazz Festival continues to celebrate the more-than-a-century-old conversation that is jazz. This year's festival, the 32nd incarnation, builds on the momentum generated in the last few years, featuring incredible artists.

The festival runs from June 21 to July 1 at Confederation Park, 100 Elgin St. Prices vary.

The Tim Hortons Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival is a free multicultural festival held at Mooney's Bay Park. More than 5,000 paddlers compete to win on the water and raise money for local charities in partnership with the Ottawa Dragon Boat Foundation.

The event is scheduled for June 22-24 at Mooney's Bay Park, 2960 Riverside Dr.

Celebrate Canada's birthday July 1. Myriad free activities take place throughout the day on both sides of the Ottawa River — including street entertainers, games, ceremonies and performances — all culminating in a breathtaking fireworks show in the night sky.



Celebrate Canada Day July 1 with free activities on both sides of the Ottawa River, including fireworks on Parliament Hill. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

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Chinatown Remixed. Fourth annual festival features more than 40 artists along Somerset Street West

TIM AVERY
For Metro

The Canadian Tulip Festival will wrap up in the coming week, however, in the words of the TV pitchmen: "Wait, there's more ..."

A festival within a festival, Chinatown Remixed continues until June 12.

In this Year of the Dragon, Chinatown Remixed presents one continuous art gallery in Ottawa's Chinatown. The fourth annual festival exhibits artwork in unusual and diverse venues, such as jewelry stores, travel agencies, grocery stores, and cafés.

More than 40 artists will show their work in 40 businesses along Somerset Street West. The Chinatown Remixed Collective is presenting contemporary art featuring established and emerging artists.

Timothy Hunt, one of the



May-Jun performs during Chinatown Remixed. MING WU PHOTO

participating artists, says in his blog: "I'm very pleased to have been selected to participate in this year's Chinatown Remixed."

"I have been paired up with the award-winning Zen Kitchen, home restaurant of Dave and Caroline of the Restaurant Adventures of Dave and Caroline, which aired on the W Network."

"My work will be on exhibit for three months starting on May 12 for the opening of the festival."

"This three-month exhib-

ition period is longer than the usual for the Chinatown Remixed: Most shows will be up for one month until June 12."

Shannon Willmott, describing how her involvement as an artist with Chinatown Remixed began, blogs: "Pumped, you fly down Somerset Street West to investigate."

"You draw open the great wide door of India Grocery Store, a corner store not on a corner, but a convenience store with a Chinese video



A piece by Sarah Tue-Fee, which is displayed during the Chinatown Remixed festival. MING WU PHOTO

rental and pizza joint either side. You like this spacious place with its high ceilings.

"You walk the aisles, inhaling an exotic mix of cumin and rose incense. You see milk and butter, pappadums and lentils, along with jalapeños and Peruvian purple potato pudding mix."

"Plastered on three walls above the shelved goods are

movie posters of cool Hindi dudes with shades. (Two brave men battle each other ... and paradise burns.)

"This is the spot where you'll show the world what you're made of."

Willmott is a painter and resident of Chinatown. She is originally from Beaumaris, Ont., and is a member of Mnjikaning First Nation.



Shannon Willmott is one of the many artists featured during Chinatown Remixed. MING WU PHOTO

The festival

- The fourth annual Chinatown Remixed is on now until June 12.
- More than 40 artists will exhibit their works at 40 venues.
- The festival is being held on Somerset Street West between Percy and Preston.
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Jamie Oliver wants you

On May 19, the famous British chef asks you to join his healthy-eating crusade, a.k.a. Food Revolution Day 'I'm not anti-burger or anti-pizza. I'm anti-shit food,' he says

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News

Chef Jamie Oliver has devoted his career to fighting unhealthy eating — and you can see why: Global obesity has more than doubled since 1980. Each year, 2.8 million adults around the world die as a result of being overweight.

On Saturday May 19, the British TV star launches his latest effort, Food Revolution Day, a global campaign that asks you to think about eating right: host a food event serving organic foods, or a locally-sourced dinner party, or start a campaign at work or school.

Check out foodrevolution-day.com for more ideas and events in your city.

Here's Oliver on why you should join the movement:

The obesity crisis: How did we end up here?

The main issue is the Western diet: it's single-handedly more responsible for damage to global health than anything else. In so many Western countries, we have three generations of people who were never

taught how to cook at home. Both parents were at work, food education at school is so shit, they can't learn there. I've been in houses where kids only hydrate on fizzy drinks and show no interest in tap water. And technology, freezing techniques and processed foods have only made things worse.

Will the world ever get healthy again?

I actually think that multinationals and fast-food companies are the best people to lead the change. If they chose to get behind healthy eating, they would do a better job than any other government or individual. If you thought the oil and petrol industry was complicated and causing wars, think again. The food industry is on another level. The problem is the corruption between food industries and governments. We need to address smaller issues like chicken farming or pink slime. Stop these products from ever being registered. How f—ing dare they?

And how will the Food Revolution Day help?

I'm not anti-burger or anti-pizza; I'm anti-shit food. With Food Revolution Day, I'm trying to get as many people as possible to stir the pot. We all need to become a little fussier about what we put in our gobs [mouths].

When you put something in your mouth, it's a very personal thing that affects you straight away.

You've already tried to change North American food habits once. What makes you think that they will listen to you this time?

I expect nothing. People may not want me around but I don't think I've ever wasted my time. I don't give a shit if people think I'm crazy. North America is difficult, as it's where a lot of the unhealthy foods and brands are created. It's the eye of the storm. Most countries eventually follow their trends, whether they like it or not.

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Ultimately, though, do you think most Americans would rather go to McDonald's than go to the gym?

Things need to change otherwise the whole country will come to a standstill. People won't be mobile. It's a question of national security. How can you train an army if the nation is obese? Progress will happen. They have no choice.

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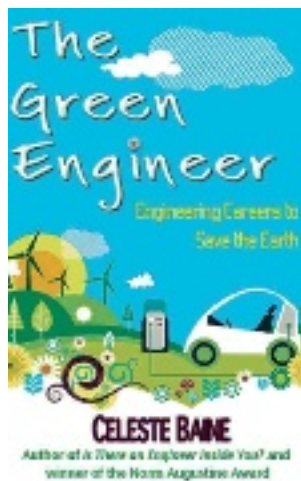
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For the past decade, Celeste Baine has been attempting to hook high school students on engineering.

Through her Oregon-based company, Engineering Education Service Center, she leads workshops for both students and teachers, develops curricula for middle and high school students and even sells kitschy engineering-themed pins and shirts on the EESC website.

She's also published more



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than two dozen engineering career guides.

Her latest — *The Green Engineer: Engineering Careers to Save the Earth* — explores a plethora of job opportunities in the eco-minded economy.

"I look at these career guides from a different perspective. I like to actively ask the reader: 'What is it that you really like to do?' and lead them to the kinds of engineering jobs that involve those things," says Baine.

"I feel like millennials are very altruistic. So this book is an attempt to match that altruism with a career in engineering."

In a brief 146 pages, *Green Engineer* profiles careers in alternative fuels, public transportation, environmental building construction, resources management and more. Each chapter includes a summary pinpointing specific jobs within the field and the training required for each of them.

"A lot of people don't think of engineering and sustainability as tied together. But almost every kind of engineering is dealing with questions of sustainability," says Baine.

"If students are interested in a green career, there isn't a specific degree they need. They should get out there and do the thing that is most fascinating to them, and link it back to green engineering when they're looking for employment."

Skillsstretch?

Write your resumé with caution



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Lying on your resumé can get you fired — or at least land you in very hot water. That is what Yahoo and its current CEO Scott Thompson learned last week when it was widely reported that he did not earn the computer science degree that his resumé claimed.

According to Thompson, an executive search firm added the degree to his resumé years ago and when it wrote his public biography, the story just stuck there.

Studies reveal that resumé falsification is actually a common event. Statistics suggest that as many as fifty per cent of all resúmes contain some degree of distortion — from white lies to outright whoppers. So where will courts draw the line?

A few years ago "Doctor" Richard Clark applied for

a job as a consultant with Coopers & Lybrand. In his application for the job, he represented that he had a PhD in applied mathematics, which helped him land the job.

Coopers sent a memo to all staff welcoming "Doctor" Clark and it distributed his credentials as part of business pitches to earn more work. However, a few years later, Coopers learned that Clark did not hold this degree and fired him immediately, arguing he would have never been hired had the firm known the truth about his resumé.

Clark sued but later lost, as both a trial judge and the Ontario Court of Appeal concluded that Clark could not benefit from his own wrongdoing.

Lying about academic qualifications is an extreme example. More often employees explain prior terminations for performance as "restructuring" just as they will find an excuse to avoid proffering their former boss as a reference. Neither of these explanations are technically true and most of the time they go unchecked.

In order for these types of lies to amount to cause for dismissal, it must be shown that the employer based its decision to hire, in part, on those statements.

The law implies that not every act of dishonesty can lead to termination. Often, context can come before content and a mere error in judgment can be overlooked. However, when it comes to a resumé, it's still best to stick to the truth.

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Earlier this year, I learned that I was shortlisted for a

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(obviously) really eager to learn whether or not I'd be making the cut.

Lucky for me, I had an inside source to scoop who my competition was and why we were the two left standing. What I wasn't expecting was to discover that our strengths and weaknesses both had to do with our proficiency with language: the other candidate's written French was much more polished than mine, but I'd demonstrated my understanding of HTML and CSS.

Fast-forwarding a tad,

you should know that neither of us got the job as the company underwent a bit of a hiring freeze (it happens). But I was still intrigued by my competition's lack of knowledge of markup languages. How is it, considering how prevalent the Internet and technology are in most fields nowadays, that some still don't know how to code?

Sure, it's as easy now as it ever was to fully customize your Tumblr, Blogger or Twitter page with a simple click or drag and drop. A

decade ago, we were doing it with GeoCities and LiveJournal. Except it gets tiresome seeing the same layout over and over again — with all the blogs and personal websites out there, standing out is key. In this day and age, design is important.

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Communication skills key to social-media management

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Just a few years ago, my job didn't even exist. Now, some 79 per cent of corporations have jumped on the bandwagon, hiring social-media and community managers to drive their online efforts. The growth is astounding and it's a role that's here to stay.

I've worked in social media for the past three years now and it's been an incredibly rewarding experience. It's the perfect job if you're someone who enjoys interacting with people (remember, it is 'social' media!) and thrives on creativity, risk and experimentation.

But what are employers looking for when hiring someone to fill this role? Hint: they're not looking for someone who can stare at their Facebook feed all day.

Adaptability and versatility
Online and social media is one of the most — if not the most — fast-paced and booming industries. New technolo-

gies and tools emerge and fall everyday. Social media and community managers must be quick to adapt to new trends and understand how to apply them to a company's advantage.

More than that, they often have to be comfortable wearing different hats and juggling different skills. You must be a researcher, a communicator, a writer, an event-planner ... all at the same time.

Solid communications skills
Well, this is a bit obvious. After all, a career in social media is ultimately a career in communications. But I can't stress enough how essential writing and verbal skills are. Social media come in different forms — blog posts, videos, Twitter, you name it ... and you need to be the Jack (or Jill) of all communication trades.

Flexibility and constant connection
Conversations don't stop the minute you walk out of the office. The thing about the online world is that it operates 24/7 and conversations

will happen with or without you. Your hours will be a little different from the usual nine-to-five grind because people are always talking, tweeting, uploading videos and photos, and updating their Facebook status. Digital does not stop.

Enthusiasm, energy and passion

You are the online voice and face for the company. You need to exude passion for whatever product or service you are representing. You need to understand the industry lingo, empathize with the company's community, and just straight-up live and breathe that brand. Being the resident evangelist for an organization/cause/brand that you do believe in is a great feeling. Just remember, passion is never overrated and it sure as hell can't be forced.

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SPORTS

NHL

Kings look to stamp authority on series

The Los Angeles Kings sought a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference finals after they dominated the Phoenix Coyotes in Game 1. Visit metronews.ca/sports for the results of Tuesday night's game.

On the web



The Staples Center in Los Angeles will easily be the busiest building in pro sports later this week as it hosts six playoff games in four days. Scan the code to find out how officials plan to solve the Kings, Lakers, Clippers puzzle.



Chris Kreider celebrates his goal against the New Jersey Devils Monday at Madison Square Garden in New York. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Rangers determined to buck recent trend

NHL. New York has yet to win Game 2 at home these playoffs

For the third straight series, the New York Rangers are basking in the glow of a 1-0 lead earned in the confines of "The World's Most Famous Arena."

The Eastern Conference's top-seeded team has failed in its first two attempts to double that edge at Madison Square Garden. Given a third shot against the New Jersey Devils, the Rangers are determined to make the most of home-ice advantage in Game 2 of the East finals on Wednesday night.

The Rangers held an optional practice Tuesday at their home rink, the site of

a 3-0 win in Game 1 on Monday.

The teams slogged through two periods, and New York admittedly wasn't at its best coming off its second straight seven-game series. But the Rangers scored three times in the third period and rode their defence and the goaltending of Henrik Lundqvist to victory.

"I don't know about escaped," Rangers captain Ryan Callahan said of the win. "We've got to be better. We know that. We've got areas in the game that we need to improve on and we need to work on. We'll be ready for tomorrow."

While no one in the Rangers room could put a finger on what went wrong in Game 2 losses to Ottawa and Washington, New York voiced a

Tight playoffs

- Not only have the Rangers failed to take a 2-0 lead, but they haven't held a two-game edge at any point of either series.
- The only time they have won two games in a row this post-season was when they rallied from a 3-2 hole and took Games 6 and 7 against Ottawa.

determination to break the trend in which it alternated wins and losses through the first four games of the opening two rounds.

The Rangers went win-one-lose-one through all seven games against Washington. New Jersey won four straight against Philadelphia

after losing the opener, to end that second-round series in five games. The Devils came back from a 3-2 deficit in the first round against Florida.

A two-game lead could do wonders for the Rangers, if for no other reason than to give the team a mental break from the constant pressure.

The Devils, who had five days off between the second and third rounds, would be happy to take a 1-1 tie home for Game 3 on Saturday.

"You're down one game, and they have home-ice advantage," Devils coach Peter DeBoer said Tuesday. "We've been in this spot before. We know we can play better. Credit to them, they got the job done — found a way to get a win. Now it's on us to respond the right way."

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NFL

Louisiana lawmakers pipe up on bounties

The Louisiana Legislature is asking the NFL to reconsider the penalties imposed on the New Orleans Saints because of its bounty program.

In the resolution, lawmakers say there is "widespread public opinion throughout the state of Louisiana and beyond that the penalties imposed upon the Saints are too harsh and should be reconsidered."

The formal request received final legislative passage with a 28-1 Senate vote Monday.

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Cycling

Hesjedal loses lead at Giro

Spanish rider Joaquin Rodriguez took the overall lead in the Giro d'Italia from Canadian Ryder Hesjedal on Tuesday after winning the hilly 10th stage with a sprint finish.

Hesjedal was only six seconds behind in sixth place, but Rodriguez moved ahead of him thanks to a 20-second time bonus for the stage victory.

"Hats off to Purito," Hesjedal said in an email to The Canadian Press, referring to Rodriguez' nickname. "His team was incredibly strong and they took the initiative riding all day. He is the best in the world on that type of finish." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Joaquin Rodriguez gets a kiss after the tenth stage Tuesday in Italy.

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Detroit	18	18	.500	2	
Chicago	17	20	.459	3½	
Kansas City	14	20	.412	5	
Minnesota	10	26	.278	10	
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Los Angeles	15	21	.417	8	
Yesterday's results					
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Boston 5 Seattle 0					
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All times Eastern					
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Seattle (F.Hernandez 3-2) at Cleveland (Jimenez 3-3), 7:05 p.m.					
N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 3-4) at Toronto (Drabek 2-4) , 7:07 p.m.					
Boston (Buchholz 4-1) at Tampa Bay (Hellickson 3-0), 7:10 p.m.					
Oakland (Milone 5-2) at Texas (Darvish 5-1), 8:05 p.m.					
Baltimore (Tom.Hunter 2-2) at Kansas City (F.Paulino 1-1), 8:10 p.m.					
Chicago White Sox (Floyd 3-3) at L.A. Angels (Williams 3-1), 10:05 p.m.					
Tomorrow's games					
Seattle at Cleveland, 12:05 p.m.					
Minnesota at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.					
Oakland at Texas, 2:05 p.m.					
Baltimore at Kansas City, 2:10 p.m.					
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McCabrera Det	36	146	19	45	.308
RBI —Hamilton, Texas, 44; McCabrera, Det, 31; Encarnacion, Toronto, 29; Adunn, Chi, 28.					
Runs —Kinsler, Tex, 32; Hamilton, Tex, 30; De Aza, Chi, 27; AJackson, Det, 27; AdJones, Bal, 27.					
Yesterday's games not included					

MONDAY

RAYS 7, BLUE JAYS 1									
Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Zobrist rf	4	2	1	1	KJhnsn 2b	5	0	2	1
BUp-ton cf	3	1	1	0	Yescor ss	4	0	0	0
Joyce lf	5	1	0	0	Vizquel ss	0	0	0	0
C.Pena 1b	4	1	0	0	Bautist rf	3	0	0	0
Scott dh	5	1	1	2	Lind 1b	3	0	0	0
SRdrgz 3b	4	0	2	2	Encrnc dh	3	0	0	0
Rhymes 2b	3	1	1	0	Thams lf	3	0	1	0
Gimenez c	4	0	0	0	Lawrie 3b	4	0	1	0
EJhnsn ss	2	0	1	1	Rasms cf	2	1	0	0
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E—Lind 2 (5). DP—Toronto 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 7, Toronto 9. 2B—S.Rodriguez (3), Rhymes (2). HR—Zobrist (6). SB—B.Upton (5), E.Johnson (6), K.Johnson (4). CS—E.Johnson (1).									
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Tampa Bay									
Niemann	1	1	0	0	1	0			
C.Ramos W,1-0	3	2	1	1	3	3			
W.Davis	2	0	0	0	1	1			
Howell	1	0	0	0	0	1			
Badenhop	1	0	0	0	0	1			
McGee	1	1	0	0	1	3			
Toronto									
Morrow L,4-2	5	4	6	1	4	7			
L.Perez	1	0	0	0	1	1			
E.Crawford	1	1	0	0	0	3			
Cordero	1	1	0	0	0	1			
Villanueva	1	1	1	1	1	2			
HBP—by Cordero (Rhymes). WP—Morrow.									
T—3:21. A—15,289 (49,260).									

TENNIS

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ITALIAN OPEN

At Rome

Men's Singles — First Round

Juan Martin Del Potro (10), Argentina, def. Michael Llodra, France, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4.

Gilles Simon (11), France, def. Donald Young, U.S., 6-2, 7-5.

Juan Monaco (14), Argentina, def. Adrian Ungur, Romania, 6-2, 6-2.

Marcel Granollers, Spain, def. Feliciano Lopez (15), Spain, 6-4, 6-4.

Richard Gasquet (16), France, def. Jurgen Melzer, Austria, 6-1, 7-6 (6).

Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, def. Pablo Andujar, Spain, 6-4, 6-1.

Sam Querrey, U.S., def. Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, 7-6 (4), 5-7, 6-4.

Lukasz Kubot, Poland, def. Potito Starace, Italy, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2.

Men's Singles — Second Round

Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Bernard Tomic, Australia, 6-3, 6-3.

Andy Murray (4), Britain, def. David Nalbandian, Argentina, 6-1, 4-6, 7-5.

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (5), France, def. Viktor Troicki, Serbia, 6-3, 6-2.

Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, def. Gael Monfils (13), France, 7-5, 6-3.

David Ferrer, Spain, def. Fernando Verdasco, Spain, 6-3, 7-6 (3).

Women's Singles — First Round

Serena Williams (9), U.S., def. Galina Voskoboeva, Kazakhstan, 6-2, 6-3.

Marina Erakovic, New Zealand, def. Sabine Lisicki (11), Germany, 7-6 (4), 4-6, 6-3.

Dominika Cibulkova (14), Slovakia, def. Mirjana Lucic, Croatia, 6-1, 6-2.

Sorana Cirstea, Romania, def. Jelena Jankovic (15), Serbia, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (4).

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Curve Control

The Escape is the first Ford to incorporate Torque Vectoring Control and Curve Control. The idea is to distribute the correct amount of power to each wheel when cornering so that the vehicle sticks to the intended path. A display screen keeps you informed as to where the power is being directed.

2013 Ford Escape

- **Type.** Four-door, front-/all-wheel-drive compact tall wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I4 (168); 1.6-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (173); 2.0-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (237).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** \$23,000.



The only transmission available on the Escape is a six-speed automatic.

Engines

Ford has advanced power-plant choices and has done so without resorting to a V6 option. Base front-wheel-drive models run with a 168-horsepower 2.5-litre four-cylinder, while front- and all-wheel-drive SE and SEL designations use a 173-horsepower 1.6-litre turbocharged "EcoBoost" four-cylinder.

Review. After 12 years, you had to know Ford's change was going to be huge

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For the past 12 seasons, the Ford Escape has proven a popular choice with buyers of entry-priced wagons. In car terms, 12 years is a lifetime — or two lifetimes, even — so the arrival of a successor to one of the company's top sellers is way overdue.

With an impressive sales history on its side, it's important that the Blue Oval automaker get it right with the soon-to-arrive 2013 Escape.

According to Ford's own statistics, the Escape and its ilk are exactly the type of conveyance that many folks are contemplating for their next vehicle purchase.

Accordingly, the new Escape presents a clean-sheet

design-and-content approach to satisfy the needs of multi-continent customers (it's called the Kuga in Europe and elsewhere). The sleeker look is radically different from the outgoing Escape's boxiness, which would otherwise mean a reduction in interior room. But with slightly larger dimensions overall, including an extra seven centimetres between the front and rear wheels, the result is greater rear-seat room plus slightly more passenger and cargo volume with the back seat in place or folded flat.

The Escape's "world-car" approach should play well in North America where most vehicles in its class look more like tall passenger cars.

Given the highly competitive small utility category with the likes of the Hyundai Tucson, Mazda CX-5 and Kia Sportage, the Escape's advanced mechanicals and handsome looks should keep it relevant for at least another dozen years. And with a \$23,000 base price, it's new style and technology that's affordable.



Ford obviously had to step up the design from the previous Escape — the new interior rivals that of more expensive vehicles.



If your hands are full, as long as you have your keys, standing behind the Escape and shaking your foot will automatically open the liftgate.

By comparison



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S.H.I.E.L.D. agency depends on superhero power — and Acuras

In the spotlight.
Automaker getting some serious exposure in films like The Avengers

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Don't you just hate it when supervillains from other worlds descend upon New York City? The mess! The congestion! The cancellation of sporting and cultural events! The difficulty in hailing a cab! And how about the looming possibility of Earth's annihilation?

So thank heavens for S.H.I.E.L.D., the international peacekeeping agency of the Marvel Comics Universe.

With Nick Fury running the show, and its crack team of operatives and scientists, the agency is well equipped to take care of extraterrestrial incidents.

When things get really hairy, as it did in New York recently, Fury is even able to call upon the services of The Avengers, a disparate but effective band of superheroes.

But let's talk about the cars and trucks used by S.H.I.E.L.D. They're all Acura vehicles — MDX and ZDX crossovers, and TL sedans. Did anybody else notice this?

Your investigative reporter certainly did, and was determined to find out how and why Acura was so entrenched with S.H.I.E.L.D. To that end, we immediately requested an interview with Nick Fury, but he was unavailable (something about being buried in script development on a pro-

ject called Snakes on a Plane, the Prequel).

But we did manage to talk to David Gardner, vice-president of marketing and sales for Acura Canada. Turns out that Acura America struck a promotional and marketing deal with Marvel Studios, and the deal actually goes back to the Iron Man II film.

Acura is in the midst of launching several new products with the new brand tagline, "When man and machine connect, extraordinary happens."

According to Gardner, a continued association with Iron Man seemed like a no-brainer, considering that the heavy-metal superhero is man-machine exaggerated and glorified.

In addition to the timing and Iron Man content, The Avengers is all about excitement, another element that Acura wants to incorporate into its revised brand promise.

"If you watch that movie, there is no way you can say that wasn't an exciting event," says Gardner. "Excitement, emotion, engagement are what we're after at Acura."

He notes that Acura's excitement and emotional appeal has been a little lacking of late, because of its increased dependence on SUVs and crossovers, which now make up about 56 per cent of overall sales volume.

"What really builds brand image in premium segments are the sedans and the sports sedans," says Gardner.

So get ready for more focus on sporting sedans from Acura, starting with the all-new entry-level ILX this spring, and the new RLX flagship sedan next spring.

And about 36 months



Actor Robert Downey Jr., a.k.a. Iron Man, arrives at The Avengers premiere in a convertible version of the Acura NSX concept. ACURA

away is the ultimate sporting-premium Acura — the mid-engine supercar known as NSX. Although only shown in concept form so far, a convertible version made a cameo appearance at the very end of the movie, with Tony Stark in the driver's seat.

Acura's latest new vehicle, the redesigned RDX crossover, also makes a cameo appearance.

We could tell you when and where exactly, but we won't. Because the only thing worse than super-alien destroying your afternoon in New York is breaching movie-spoiler etiquette.



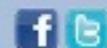
Samuel L. Jackson, who plays Nick Fury in The Avengers, is pictured with a militarized Acura MDX at The Avengers premiere. ACURA

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2007 to 2012
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Sporty, agile and packing Acura's patented SH-AWD system, the RDX was a premium compact crossover sport ute that was heavy on the "sport." Competing with the Audi Q5, Infiniti EX and others, the RDX boasted five-passenger seating, a flexible cabin and a laundry-list of must-have gadgets.

With suspension and chassis calibrations intended for driving pleasure over all-out comfort, the RDX was a machine that intended to connect with the enthusiast.

Common Issues


The RDX should be inspected for signs of leakage from the transmission, torque converter seal and rear differential.

Since the RDX is equipped with a turbocharger, shoppers are advised to check for any signs of smoke, either at start-up or after a drive. This could indicate that the turbocharger is wearing out. Note that this component may be pricey to replace, but should last the life of the vehicle if frequent oil changes are carried out. Note that any transmission-related issues with jerkiness, rough shifting or "slippage" could be caused by a poorly-charged battery or bad sensor. If you note any issues with gear shifting, be sure to have the transmission and associated electronics inspected by a mechanic.




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Engine

 All models got a 2.3-litre VTEC Turbo four-cylinder engine producing 240 horsepower and 260 lb.-ft of torque. A paddle-shiftable five-speed automatic was standard.

What Owners Like

 Performance, handling, style and overall value were highly rated by Acura RDX owners. Flexible, all-season utility and confident traction in virtually every situation were also noted.

What Owners Dislike

 Small rear seats, fuel mileage and a rough ride on some surfaces were the most common complaints of the RDX.

Verdict

The RDX looks like a fairly reliable used crossover buy that should readily impress active, family-minded driving enthusiasts. A dealer-serviced model with a mechanical thumbs-up is your safest bet.

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AJAC Eco-Run proves saving fuel starts with the driver

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Fuel economy is an important issue these days, especially whenever gas prices spike. You might be tempted to trade in your older vehicle for one that gets better mileage, but even

that won't make a huge difference unless you also change your driving habits.

That was the idea behind the Eco-Run, presented by the Automobile Journalists Association of Canada (AJAC) last week. Over three days, auto writers drove 22 cars with fuel-saving technology from Brighton to London, Ont., to compare how they did against the published fuel figures for each.

The cars including all-electrics, hybrids and extended-range vehicles; one with a diesel engine; and gasoline-powered cars that incorporate such things as optimized engines, lightweight construction, improved aerodynamics

and start-stop technology that shuts off the engine when you're stopped at a light.

The models ranged from a two-seater Smart, to a Mercedes-Benz AMG and even a Porsche.

On our first leg of the journey, we tried to keep our feet light on the throttles.

A representative from Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN) reported that of the 14 vehicles whose numbers could immediately be crunched, 70 per cent came in meeting or beating their official fuel figures.

We then got a pep talk that included five driving tips from NRCAN's AutoSmart program: accelerate gently, maintain a

steady speed, anticipate traffic, coast to decelerate, and avoid high speeds.

On the second leg, we were up to 80 per cent — and that included my achieving a mere 6.8 L/100 km in the Porsche Panamera Hybrid, mostly by sticking to the highway speed limit. By the end of the event, we were up to 100 per cent.

The event also outlined the importance of choosing a vehicle best suited to the majority of your driving.

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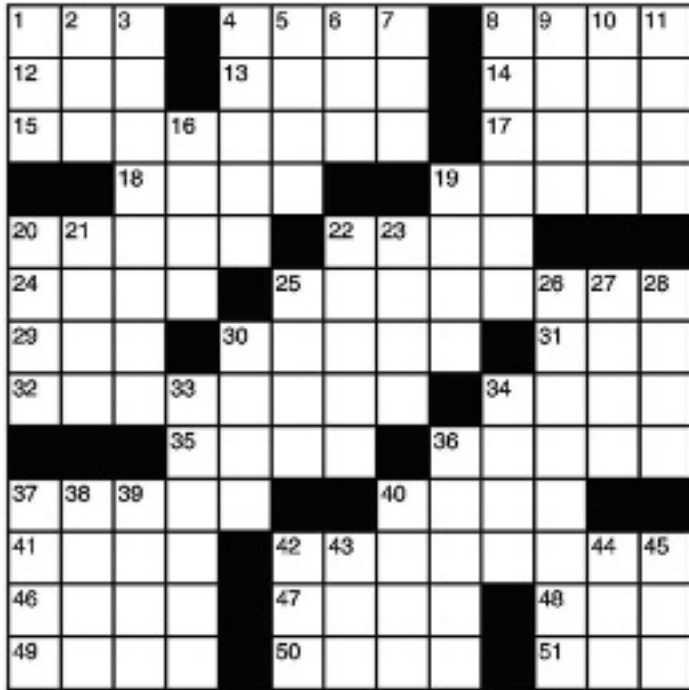
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4 Roe provider
8 Admitting air
12 Lawyers' org.
13 Lyricist's subject
14 Humdinger
15 Hat maker
17 Handle
18 Pack of cards
19 Zoo structures
20 Enthusiast, and then some
22 Centrifuge insert
24 Protuberance
25 Easy chair
29 Work with
30 Spot on TV?
31 Commotion
32 "Ich bin ein —"
34 Goblet feature
35 Coop collection
36 Down East
37 Toes' woes
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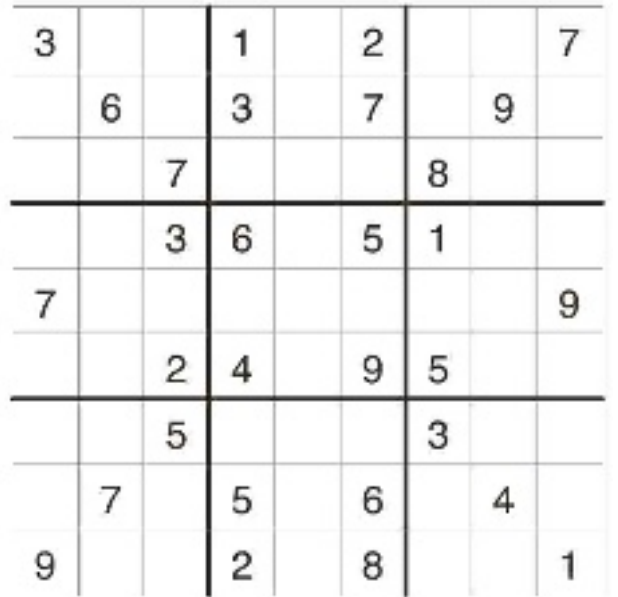
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10 Shaving-cream additive
11 Abrades
16 Bound
19 Ump's announce-ment
20 Blooper
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30 Pen pals?
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- 40 Dissolve
42 Pussycat's partner
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Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	1	4	6	5	7	9	2	3
7	5	8	3	2	4	1	8	6
3	6	2	1	8	9	5	7	4
5	9	8	7	3	2	8	4	1
4	3	6	9	1	8	7	6	2
1	2	7	5	4	6	8	3	9
6	4	1	2	7	5	3	8	8
2	7	3	8	9	1	4	6	5
8	8	5	4	6	3	2	1	7

Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

Z P R P P W X Z M R X Q G W M W T .
R R G Z K R P Q A W L ' J P Q Q J K
T Q Z M Q P K R P Q - L R M A .
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SINCE MY FATHER
REALLY LOVES LICKING ENVELOPES, PEOPLE
OFTEN LIKE TO CALL HIM A SEALING FAN.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals N



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♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.
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♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.
Whatever you turn your hand to today will work out better than you expected.
♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.
Someone who does not want to see you succeed will try to talk you out of attempting something that could boost your reputation. Don't let them.
♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.
This is going to be a busy day for you — you will be rushing here, there and everywhere trying to get it all done. Set yourself a time deadline.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.
You may have to get tough with someone who has let you down, but don't go too far and say things that might make it difficult for you to work together in future.
♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.
You will pull out all the stops to be the biggest and the best at what you do.
♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.
You can move either this way or that way today. But it has to be one or the other.
♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.
A task you have to complete will be easier than you expected.
♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec.

♑ 21. You won't lack for advice today — everyone wants to tell you what you should be doing — but if you are smart you will ignore it all and listen only to your own inner voice.
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♓ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Some people will be shocked by how far you are prepared to go to get what you desire over the next 24 hours, but they shouldn't be.
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